

Insight Meditation Ann Arbor

Community Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2015

Brief Meditation

Call to Order: 11:35 a.m.

Board/Treasurer's Report: Treasury Report figures for October indicate revenue for the month of October from sittings, trainings and the retreat amounted to \$2,908.00, with expenses being \$1,132.76. Ending bank balance was \$6,496.85. We've not yet received a bill for the retreat from De Sales Retreat Center. Susan W. reports there are some Paypal donations through the website that are still pending. In the future she will forward notifications of Paypal donations to Richard K.

Teacher Report/Retreat: We currently have two continuing classes running as well as a 6 week fundamental class. For the first time a class was done in the morning and it received good attendance. Terry and Dawn's beginning class has a waiting list. The next beginning class won't be offered until after Christmas.

There was a discussion as to how people are hearing about our classes and Susan W. explained that our focus has been on search engine optimization for people researching Vipassana meditation in Ann Arbor, which seems to have good results.

Retreat: This past retreat was the last one scheduled at DeSales. Future retreats for 2016 and the spring of 2017 are scheduled at the Weber Retreat Center in Adrian. The costs will be higher but the facilities will better meet our accessibility needs. The sangha now has liability insurance as required by Weber's. The next retreat is scheduled for May 6-8, 2016. Terry G. is currently the contact person for Weber's. The coordinator for the next retreat has not yet been established.

Room Committee: The Room Committee will develop a plan and corresponding budget in the next few weeks for the purpose of determining issues regarding room decorations, room cleaning, storage space and items needed. The Board will meet next week and discuss what money can be offered to the Room Committee for their budget and how other funds might be obtained. Phil K. stressed that it's the Board's responsibility to approve budget and not content. Christine C. will be in charge of the schedule and organization of volunteers for room cleaning.

Old Business: Since the October meeting no negative feedback has been received regarding noise issues during the Sunday sitting. It was agreed that the issue will need to be considered over a greater period of time before we can determine if there's any problems to resolve or not.

New Business: Mary G. suggested the idea of having an open house inviting some other sanghas to visit our space. Discussion ensued about other possible organizations or people to invite, however, it was agreed to keep this simple with the idea that our sangha can always have other open houses or events held for other purposes.

Christine C. brought up an issue with the lock on the women's bathroom door. The issue will be further investigated to make sure it works appropriately.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane M.